



BOARD BULLETIN

August 23, 2013

Enterprise IT Systems Update

As an update, staff is working with our HR/Finance/Utilities systems vendor to finalize conversion of the HR and Finance components of the County's new internet based system on or before October 21, 2013. The Utilities components of the system will be converted on or before May 19, 2014.

The HR and Finance staff are currently training and working in test modules of the system. In September, department staff will begin their phase of the training process.

Further, staff is close to finalizing the contract details associated with the County's migration to Google's cloud based email and document applications. The transition from Outlook and MS Office to the Google platform will save the County approximately \$100,000 over a 20 year period. Additionally, as a result of the enhanced mobility of these applications, the County will realize indirect cost savings via increased staff productivity.

Lastly, the migration of the Library's servers and email onto the County's system has been completed. This will save the County a few thousand dollars per year in server replacement costs. There will also be indirect cost savings via the reduction of energy use.

Community Growth Workshops

As part of the regional **Connect Our Future** planning initiative, a series of local growth workshops will be held in Stanly County. The Connect Our Future initiative is working to ensure the region is ready for the anticipated growth of 1.8 million people and 860,000 new jobs by 2050. The goal of the initiative is to plan and change by choice not chance.

The Stanly County workshops will be held at the Agri-Civic Center on Tuesday, September 10. Three (3) different sessions will be available for participants to attend. The session will include a morning session (9 AM-11 AM), afternoon session (1 PM – 3 PM) and evening session (6:30 PM – 8:30 PM). Interested participants can register on-line at: <http://www.connectourfuture.org>.

Utility Projects Update

1. Greater Badin Water & Sewer District

The County's USDA loan and grant application for design and construction of Phase I of the Greater Badin water system rehabilitation has been processed and approved by the USDA. The County will receive a \$2.13 million loan and approximately \$592,000 in grant funding for the project. The County will work to award bids for the project by the spring of 2014.

2. Mission Area Water Line Project

The original scope of the Mission area project is approximately 90% complete. Above normal rainfall has caused project delays the past couple of months.

Some limited, excess funding (\$304,000) has enabled the Stanly Water & Sewer Authority to expand the scope of the original project. An additional 1.5 miles of water lines will be installed to serve approximately 28 residential customers. Construction of these additional areas will commence in the next few weeks.

3. Airport Road Sewer Project

Chambers Engineering is finalizing the Phase I design upgrade to the airport area sewer system. Staff met with the grant writing staff from Centralina Council of Governments earlier this week to review the County's federal Economic Development Administration grant application. Staff is also preparing to submit an application for funding to the State's revolving loan fund program.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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| Stanly COG Meeting | Tuesday, August 27 6:30 PM Red Cross Baptist Church |
| Regular Board Meeting | Monday, September 9 7:00 PM Commons Meeting Room |